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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL HEARING ON REFUGEE AND MIGRATION ASSISTANCE

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1. AS REQUESTED TELEPHONICALLY BY DEPT (S/R), MISSION IS OUTLINING BELOW SUBSTANCE OF INFORMATION GATHERED ON CONTRIBUTIONS OF MAJOR GOVERNMENTS ASSISTING REFUGEES. PERIODS COVERED BY FISCAL YEARS VARY FROM COUNTRY TO COUNTRY BUT MISSION HAS USED CURRENT FISCAL YEAR OF EACH APPLICABLE COUNTRY IN THIS REPORT. WHEN LOCAL CURRENCIES WERE GIVEN, MISSION HAS CONVERTED TO US DOLLARS AT CURRENT RATE OF EX-CHANGE.

A. AUSTRALIA. AS NEARLY AS CAN BE ESTIMATED BY MISSION, GOA PRESENTLY SPENDING APPROXIMATELY \$1,200,000 YEARLY FOR ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES IN AUSTRALIA IN ADDITION TO ITS CONTRIBUTION OF \$297,486 TO THE REGULAR UNHCR PROGRAM. TOTAL: \$1,497,486.

B. AUSTRIA. THE GOA CURRENTLY BUDGETS \$1,414,250 FOR ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES IN AUSTRIA. OF THIS, \$15,189 IS FOR PASSPORT PHOTOGRAPHS, \$5,594 FOR TRANSPORT TO INTERVIEWS, \$7,165 FOR CHILDREN'S LANGUAGE PROGRAMS AND THE BALANCE IS FOR MAINTENANCE OF REFUGEE CENTERS AND OTHER ASSISTANCE. AN ADDITIONAL \$308,062 IS BUDGETED FOR THE INTEGRAL

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TION OF UGANDAN ASIANS INTO AUSTRIAN SOCIETY. A FURTHER UNKNOWN AMOUNT IS EXPECTED TO BE REQUIRED FOR THE INTEGRATION OF CHILEAN REFUGEES. THE GOA ALSO CONTRIBUTES \$43,273 TO THE UNHCR PROGRAM. TOTAL KNOWN: \$1,765,585.

C. BELGIUM. GOB BUDGETS IN 1974 - \$268,620, FOR THE SUPPORT OF INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS DEALING WITH THE PROTECTION OF REFUGEES (UNHCR) AND \$146,520 FOR THE UN PALESTINE REFUGEE PROGRAM. IN ADDITION, THE GOB PROVIDES FOR OTHER REFUGEE ASSISTANCE UNDER THE BROAD CATEGORY OF "DISASTER PROGRAMS" BUT THE AMOUNT FOR REFUGEE ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS CATEGORY IS NOT KNOWN. THE GOB CONTRIBUTES \$18,050 TO ICEM FOR REFUGEES ASSISTANCE. TOTAL KNOWN: \$433,190.

D. CANADA. GOC DOES NOT BUDGET SEPARATELY FOR REFUGEES ASSISTANCE BUT CURRENT BUDGET DOES CONTAIN ITEM OF \$163,000 FOR ASSISTANCE TO HANDICAPPED REFUGEES AND AN AMOUNT OF \$400,000 FOR ASSISTANCE TO CHILEAN REFUGEES HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN THE GOC BUDGET BEFORE THE PARLIAMENT. THE GOC IS EXPECTED TO CONTRIBUTE \$550,000 TO THE REGULAR PROGRAM OF UNHCR AND \$500,000 TO THE UNHCR ASIAN SUB-CONTINENT REPATRIATION PROGRAM. TOTAL KNOWN \$1,613,000.

E. DENMARK. THE GOD EXPENDITURES FOR REFUGEE ASSISTANCE IN 1974 ARE EXPECTED TO TOTAL \$3,860,000, ALLOCATED AS FOLLOWS: \$160,000 FOR SUPPORT OF A REFUGEE HOME, \$2,900,000 FOR DANISH REFUGEE COUNCIL'S USE IN INTEGRATING EASTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER REFUGEES INTO THE DANISH ECONOMY THROUGH THE PURCHASE OF CLOTHING, HOUSING AND OTHER NECESSITIES AS WELL AS AN ADDITIONAL \$800,000 FOR THE INTEGRATION OF CHILEAN REFUGEES IN DENMARK. A FURTHER \$1,062,280 WILL BE CONTRIBUTED TO THE UNHCR (\$442,748 FOR REGULAR PROGRAM, \$256,937 FOR REFUGEE EDUCATION, AND \$362,595 FOR OTHER PURPOSES). TOTAL: \$4,922,280.

F. FRANCE. EMBASSY PARIS REPORTS THE GOF EXPECTS TO SPEND DURING CURRENT FISCAL YEAR APPROXIMATELY \$770,000 FOR GENERAL REFUGEE ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING CARE AND MAINTENANCE. IN ADDITION, TOLSTOY FOUNDATION - GENEVA REPORTS GOF IS SUPPORTING 10 TO 12 OLD PEOPLE'S HOMES FOR REFUGEES THROUGH SOCIAL SECURITY AT AN ESTIMATED ANNUAL RATE OF \$5,000,000. INCLUDED AMONG THESE HOMES ARE FOUR OPERATED BY TF WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 516 PERSONS, FOR WHICH THE GOF CON-

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TRIBUTES \$1,700,000 ANNUALLY. AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$1,035,000 IS BUDGETED FOR ASSISTANCE TO CHILEAN REFUGEES. THE FRENCH CONTRIBUTION TO UNHCR IS \$588,706. TOTAL: \$9,093,706.

G. ISRAEL. BUDGET OF MINISTRY OF IMMIGRANT ABSORPTION TOTALS \$8,300,000 FOR CURRENT FISCAL YEAR. HOWEVER, MOST EXPENDITURES FOR THIS PURPOSE ARE MADE BY QUASI-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION, JEWISH AGENCY FOR ISRAEL. JAI BUDGET CONTAINS FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR

AID TO REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS: IMMIGRATION AND ABSORPTION - \$110,100,000, ABSORPTION IN AGRICULTURE SETTLEMENTS - \$48,200,000, IMMIGRANT HOUSING - \$253,600,000. TOTAL JAI - \$411,800,000. MISSION GENEVA LACKS SUFFICIENT INFORMATION RE TOTAL IMMIGRATION TO ISRAEL TO MAKE JUDGMENT OF WHAT PERCENTAGE OF JAI BUDGET COULD BE ATTRIBUTED TO REFUGEE ASSISTANCE, BUT DEPARTMENT PRESUMABLY HAS THIS INFORMATION AND COULD MAKE THIS ESTIMATE.

H. ITALY. THE GOI ESTIMATES IT SPENDS APPROXIMATELY \$3,000,000 ANNUALLY FOR REFUGEE ASSISTANCE. INCLUDED IN THIS ASSISTANCE ARE COSTS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THREE REFUGEE CAMPS, EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL WELFARE. IN ADDITION, THE GOI HAS PLEDGED \$50,000 TO THE UNHCR. TOTAL: \$3,050,000.

I. NETHERLANDS. THE GON IS BUDGETING \$546,372 FOR REGULAR REFUGEE ASSISTANCE THIS YEAR. IN ADDITION, AN AMOUNT OF \$870,019 FOR ASSISTANCE TO UGANDAN ASIANS AND \$870,019 FOR ASSISTANCE TO CHILEAN REFUGEES. THE GON IS EXPECTED TO CONTRIBUTE AN ADDITIONAL \$513,699 FOR THE UNHCR REGULAR PROGRAM AND \$182,196 FOR OTHER UNHCR PROGRAMS. IT IS ALSO EXPECTED TO CONTRIBUTE \$46,305 TO ICEM FOR REFUGEE ASSISTANCE. TOTAL: \$3,028,610.

J. NORWAY. NORWAY IS EXPECTED TO EXPEND APPROXIMATELY \$1,500,000 FOR UNRWA PALESTINE REFUGEES AND \$1,500,000 FOR REFUGEES FROM SOUTHERN AFRICA. IT ALSO EXPECTS TO CONTRIBUTE \$1,123,235 TO THE UNHCR FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES: \$578,231 - REGULAR PROGRAM, \$187,075 - REFUGEE EDUCATION, \$350,075 - ASIAN SUB-CONTINENT REPATRIATION PROGRAM, AND \$7,576 - OTHER PROGRAMS. TOTAL: \$4,123,235.

K. SWEDEN. THE GOS BUDGETED APPROXIMATELY \$3,200,000 IN THE CURRENT YEAR FOR UNRWA PALESTINE REFUGEES AND HAS AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURES OF \$4,435,622 FOR RESETTLING EASTERN EUROPEAN REFUGEES IN SWEDEN AND APPROXIMATELY \$4,450,000 FOR RESETTLING CHILEAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REFUGEES IN SWEDEN. IN ADDITION, THE GOS WILL CONTRIBUTE \$2,014,689 TO THE UNHCR FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES: \$803,689 - REGULAR PROGRAM, \$661,000 - ASIAN SUB-CONTINENT REPATRIATION PROGRAM AND \$550,000 FOR OTHER PROGRAMS. TOTAL: \$14,100,311.

L. OTHER COUNTRIES: INFORMATION RE ASSISTANCE GIVEN BY GERMAN FED REP, GREECE, SPAIN AND U.K. WILL FOLLOW BY SEPTTEL WHEN RECEIVED BY MISSION.DALE

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